MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer, Roads, Buildings and Irrigation*): No petition to that effect has been received by me.

PRESIDENT: Next question, Mr. S. J. Nair?

Toll-gates in the Nedumangad taluk.

13. ✻**MR. S. J. NAIR** (*Nedumangad*) Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether they are aware that the buses and other vehicles that come from Vamanapuram in the Nedumangad taluk and go to the Trivandrum Town are compelled to pay two separate P. W. D. toll-gate fees;

(*b*) the distance of the Aayoor main gate and its sub-gate at Venjaramood;

(*c*) on what principle sub-gates to main P. W. D. gates are opened;

(*d*) whether the public of the Nedumangad taluk have not submitted memorials to the Government and the Chief Engineer, P. W. D. pointing out the necessity of removing the P. W. D. sub-gate at Venjaramood; and

(*e*) if the answer to part (*d*) is in the affirmative, what action the Government and the Chief Engineer have taken?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer, Roads, Buildings and Irrigation*):

(*a*) Yes.

(*b*) About 17 miles.

(*c*) (i) To tap the untaxed shuttle service buses or other vehicles which use a good portion of the road between two important stations or two toll-gates and which thereby tend to diminish the number of through service, and

(ii) to prevent the evation of toll by passing off the toll gate.

(*d*) Yes.

(*e*) The matter was considered and it was decided that the removal was not necessary.

MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*): May I know from the Government whether it is not possible by removing the toll-gate from Venjaramood in M. C. road where it is situated now to two miles beyond that place to the north of the M. C. road to tax the untaxed shuttle service from Vamanapuram to Trivandrum *via* Nedumangad at Nedumangad P. W. D, Toll Gate.

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer, Roads, Buildings and Irrigation*): I do not think so.

MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*): May I know the route from which that bus can avoid the payment of tax to Nedumangad?

MR. G B. E. TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer, Roads, Buildings and Irrigation*): I shall show that to the honourable member if he will see me in my office.

MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*): I put the question to the Government, feeling certain that there is absolutely no road from which the bus can avoid payment of tax.

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PRESIDENT : The honourable member may possibly take advantage of the offer.

MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*) : I put the question because I am unconvinced even now.

New roads in the Nedumangad taluk.

14. ❋ MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*) : Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) whether any new road has been constructed in the Nedumangad taluk in 1111 M. E. ;

(*b*) if the answer to part (*a*) is in the affirmative, which is the new road and how many miles ;

(*c*) at whose instance it was constructed ;

(*d*) for whose use it was constructed ;

(*e*) if the answer to part (*a*) is in the negative, why no new road was constructed ; and

(*f*) whether there were repeated representations to open new roads as malaria relief works, and also to open up mountainous and malarial regions ?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer, Roads, Buildings and Irrigation*) :

(*a*) Yes.

(*b*) The road from 23/7 Trivandrum—Ponmudi road *via* Valiayankad Estate – a distance of 1 1/8 miles.

(*c*) At the instance of the public.

(*d*) For the use of the general public.

(*e*) This does not arise.

(*f*) Yes.

The Aruvikara-Vellanadu road.

15. ❋ MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*) : Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) whether the Government are aware of the existence of a good bridge constructed by the Water Works Department at Aruvikara ;

(*b*) whether they are aware that the bridge is no longer useful for the Water Works Department ;

(*c*) whether they are aware that the bridge is most useful for the pedestrians and the people of the locality to go from Aruvikara, Karakulam, Kachani and other places to Vellanadu, Poovacad, Kattakada and other places ;

(*d*) what is the distance from the above bridge to Vellanadu by short cut ; and

(*e*) how many petitions the people have put in to construct a road from the above bridge to Vellanadu ?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer, Roads, Buildings and Irrigation*) : (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) No.

(*c*) Yes.

(*d*) About 2½ miles.

(*e*) Four.

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